

#### **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The NAHRW Membership

FROM: Delilah Donaldson, Resolutions Committee

Chair

**SUBJECT: 2006 Request for Resolutions** 

DATE: September 8, 2006

Please find enclosed a **2006 Request for Resolutions Form** and a sample resolution. Submitting a resolution to NAHRW will give you the opportunity to address civil and human rights issues on a national level. Don't wait until you are at the conference to think about it. By then it may be too late to get consensus. Send in your resolution now – **TODAY.** A well thought-out, well-edited resolution is the 1<sup>st</sup> step toward building consensus, addressing injustice, and changing the world for the better.

The Resolutions Committee would like for you to submit your resolution(s) no later than October 6, 2006 by e-mail to <a href="Delilah.donaldson@durhamnc.gov">Delilah.donaldson@durhamnc.gov</a> or mail it to the address on the attached form. Please note that this form includes a section for you to indicate where your resolution should be sent once it has been ratified. Please provide the complete name, address, city, state and phone number for your agency/organization. You may duplicate this form as necessary.

Be sure to check out the Indiana Civil Rights Commission website <a href="https://www.in.gov/icrc">www.in.gov/icrc</a> for information about the conference. Registration information will be available from their website soon. Looking forward to seeing you at the 59th Annual NAHRW Training Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 5-9, 2006.

# National Association of Human Rights Workers Request for Resolutions Form

Title of Resolution:
Purpose:
Author:
Phone:
Address:
City/State:
List all parties that you want the resolution sent to after it is ratified. Attach a
separate sheet, if necessary.
Name:
Address:
City/State:
Phone:
WHEREAS,
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WHEREAS,
Therefore, be it resolved, that NAHRW

#### **PLEASE RETURN to:**

Delilah P. Donaldson, Resolutions Chair City of Durham Human Relations Department 101 City Hall Plaza Durham, North Carolina 27701

### (Sample Resolution)

## National Association of Human Rights Workers October 12, 2000

Title: RACIAL PROFILING

Purpose: To Urge Law Enforcement Agencies to Abandon the

Practice of Racial Profiling and Urge Support of H.R. 1443 - The Traffic Stops Statistics Study Act of 1999

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When ratified—send to: President Bill Clinton

The White House 1600 Penn Ave. Washington, D.C.

U.S. House of Representatives and

**U.S. Senate** 

Washington, D.C. 20515

**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Human Rights Workers is a professional association committed to promoting equality and the reduction of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, African-Americans, Latinos and people of other minority racial groups are routinely stopped while driving on interstate and intrastate roads and highways, detained, questioned and their person and/or property searched by law enforcement personnel without probable cause to believe that a violation of the law has occurred; and

WHEREAS, these types of incidents have become common practice of state and local law enforcement personnel with most drivers being stopped for the crime commonly known as "Driving While Black"; and

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WHEREAS, this activity also occurs in airports and ports of entry into the United States wherein African-Americans and other people of color are stopped disproportionately to Whites on suspicion of being drug couriers; and,

WHEREAS, informal statistics reveal that almost all African-American males, including attorneys, athletes, office workers, construction workers, workers of every discipline have been stopped by using the pretext of an alleged traffic violation; and

WHEREAS, other informal statistics reveal that while African-Americans comprise only 14% of the population in the United States, they account for 72% of all routine traffic stops; and,

**WHEREAS,** H. R. 1443 Traffic Stops Statistics Act of 1999 directs the Attorney General to conduct a nationwide study for traffic violations by law enforcement officers, including complaints alleging traffic stops motivated by race and other biases.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that NAHRW** supports the leadership of the U.S. Department of Justice in examining the practice of racial profiling by federal, state and local law enforcement personnel and curtailing its use among law enforcement personnel and supports the passage of H.R. 1443 The Traffic Stops Study of 1999;

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that members of the National Association of Human Rights Workers work in collaboration with law enforcement personnel in their respective jurisdictions to eradicate the use of racial profiling.